From: Bradley, Lisa
To: Ohl, Matthew

**Subject:** RE: Pines Area of Investigation - Draft Feasibility Study Files

**Date:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 6:10:24 PM

Thanks! :) LASI

From: Ohl, Matthew [mailto:ohl.matthew@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 6:29 PM

To: Bradley, Lisa

Subject: FW: Pines Area of Investigation - Draft Feasibility Study Files

## Good afternoon:

Before the Town Council meeting on March 6, 2013, George Adey provided the attached e-mail message in response to my message of February 14. Thank you.

Matt

From: Ohl, Matthew

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 1:49 PM

**To:** George Adey

Cc: Cathi Murray; Jablonowski, Eugene; Pope, Janet; Vicki Kuzio; Thurlow, Timothy;

townofpines@comcast.net

**Subject:** Re: Pines Area of Investigation - Draft Feasibility Study Files

## George:

Thank you for your response regarding the Feasibilty Study (FS). You raise an important concern about how the community and its Town Council may be involved in the process. Such involvement is valued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As part of a settlement agreement EPA required a Technical Assistance Plan (TAP) between the potentially responsible parties and People in Need of Environmental Safety (PINES). Under the agreement PINES is funded and empowered to hire an independent technical advisor to review documents, including the FS, and involve the community. The intent of the TAP is that PINES will work with the community, including the Town Council, to ensure they understand the process (including documents like the FS) and inform EPA of any concerns they may have. Your message raises concern for EPA that this is not happening as effectively as it should. Rather than having the Town Council pay for another independent consultant to review documents, you may want to consider whether the PINES technical review could addresses your concerns. Please let me know whether you think PINES is actively involving the Town Council and the community, or if they are engaging you but you are looking for something more. If PINES is not engaging the Council I can contact PINES to make sure your concerns are addressed. If you would like you can contact them directly through PINES President Paul Kysel at Exemption 6

Independent of the TAP, EPA will be reaching out to the Council and community throughout the cleanup decision process. EPA is committed to solicit and consider public comments on a proposed cleanup plan before any final decision is made. So there will be opportunities outside of the TAP to provide input to the Agency on the decisions. If you would like to discuss this further please let me know.

## Thank you.

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